

been or will be reserved under the authorities of the Recreation and Public Purposes Act, as amended (43 U.S.C. 869 *et seq.*), the Small Tract Act of June 1, 1938, as amended (43 U.S.C. 682(b)) and the Federal Land Policy and Management Act of 1969 (43 U.S.C. 1701 *et seq.*).

Subpart 3501—Descriptions and Acreage

§ 3501.1 Land descriptions.

§ 3501.1-1 Public domain.

Each application shall contain a complete and accurate description of the lands for which the lease or permit is desired. The lands applied for shall be in reasonably compact form.

(a) If the lands have been surveyed under the public land rectangular system, each application shall describe the lands by legal subdivision, section, township and range. Generally, a quarter-quarter section or a lot is the smallest legal subdivision for which an application may be made.

(b) When protracted surveys have been approved and the effective date thereof published in the FEDERAL REGISTER, all applications for lands shown on such approved protracted surveys shall describe the lands in the same manner as provided in paragraph (a) of this section for officially surveyed lands.

(c) If the lands have neither been surveyed on the ground nor shown on the records as protracted surveys, each application shall describe the lands by metes and bounds, giving courses and distances between the successive angle points on the boundary of the tract, in cardinal directions except where the boundaries of the lands are in irregular form, and connected by courses and distances to an official corner of the public land surveys.

(d)(1) Prior to the issuance of a lease, all unsurveyed lands in the lease shall be surveyed.

(2) On a noncompetitive lease, the survey for unsurveyed lands shall be at the expense of the applicant.

(3) On a competitive lease, the survey of unsurveyed lands shall be at the expense of the United States.

§ 3501.1-2 Acquired lands.

(a)(1) If the lands have been surveyed under the rectangular system of public land surveys, the description shall conform to that system and the lands shall be described by legal subdivision, section, township, and range. Generally, a quarter-quarter section or a lot is the smallest legal subdivision for which an application may be made.

(2) Where the description cannot conform to the public land surveys, any boundaries which do not so conform shall be described by metes and bounds, giving courses and distances between the successive angle points with appropriate ties to the nearest existing official survey corner. If not surveyed but within the area of the public land surveys, the lands shall be described by metes and bounds, giving courses and distances between the successive angle points on the boundary of the tract, and connected to a reasonably nearby official survey corner by courses and distances. Each application shall be accompanied by a map upon which the desired lands are clearly marked showing their location with respect to the administrative unit or project of which they are a part.

(b) If the lands have not been surveyed under the rectangular system of public land surveys, and the tract is not within the area of the public land surveys, it shall be described as in the deed or other document by which the United States acquired title to the lands or minerals. If the desired lands constitute less than the entire tract acquired by the United States, they shall be described by courses and distances between successive angle points on the boundary of the tract, tying by course and distance into the description in the deed or other document by which the United States acquired title to the lands. In addition, if the description in the deed or other document by which the United States acquired title to the lands does not include the courses and distances between the successive angle points on the boundary of the desired tract, the description in the application shall be expanded to include such courses and distances. Each application shall be accompanied by a map upon which the desired lands are clearly marked showing their location